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Dear Interested Party:

The Board is making progress in its efforts to calculate the 1996 RPPC all-container recycling rate. This letter is intended to update you on the work that is being conducted to determine the numerator and denominator. We would also appreciate your review of the attached national resin sales categories. This information which will be used to calculate the denominator.

The Board is currently negotiating an agreement with the Department of Conservation (DOC) for the DOC to conduct a survey of processors. The processor survey would be used to determine the amount of RPPC recycled in California in 1996. DOC is currently evaluating the agreement. In the event that DOC elects not to conduct the survey, the Board will use the extrapolation method discussed at the Board meeting in April to calculate the numerator. (The extrapolation method uses information from last years survey of private recyclers and municipalities combined with DOC's PETE information.)

The Board's consultant, Cascadia Consulting Group, has been working to assess and identify categories of national resin sales that can be used to calculate the denominator. The results of Cascadia's evaluation are presented in Attachment 1. The Cascadia evaluation of national resin categories should be considered a draft report to Board staff and used for discussion purposes only.

We are requesting that you review the information presented in the Attachment and provide comments to Steve Storelli by June 27, 1997. Your review will assist staff and Cascadia to more accurately select the national resin sales categories which represent RPPC manufacture and use.

Staff will update the Local Assistance and Planning Committee at their July 16, 1997, meeting. At that meeting, staff will present the outcome of the DOC/CIWMB proposal to survey processors and update committee members on the progress to determine the denominator.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 255-2426.

Sincerely,

O/S
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Attachment

cc: Steve Storelli